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- > A flyer was mailed to all mailboxes in the county, promoting new computers and equipment at the library.
- > I assisted a Fish Wildlife and Parks gentleman with using a BTOP laptop along with a projector, and speakers to show a DVD rather than a TV/DVD combination. He did a presentation for junior high students in the community room in the library. He loved that!

Broadwater School and Community Library

BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

- 1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in underserved areas of the country;
- 2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
- 3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

Objectives

- 1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
- 2) cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
- 3) improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
- 4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
- 5) provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

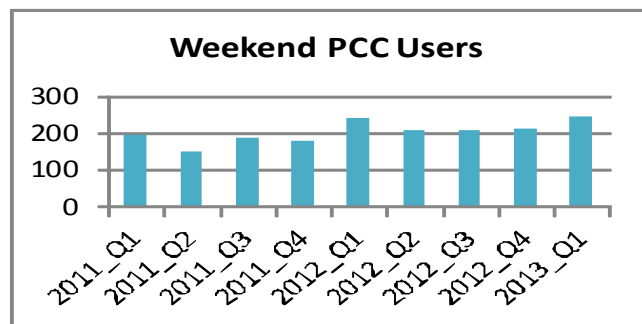
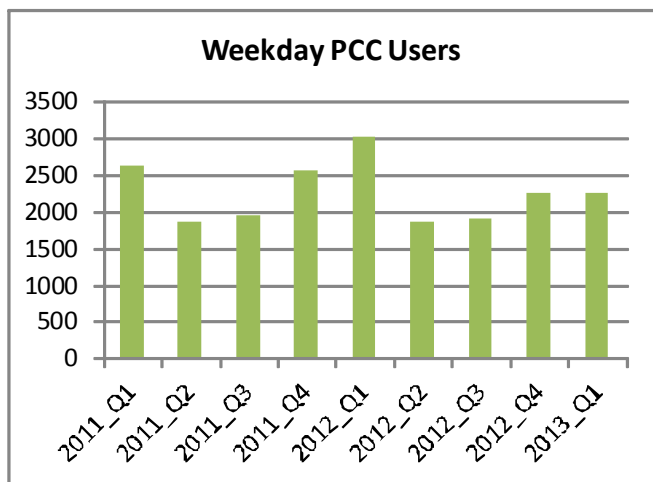
Successes

Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Quest	20.00	30.00

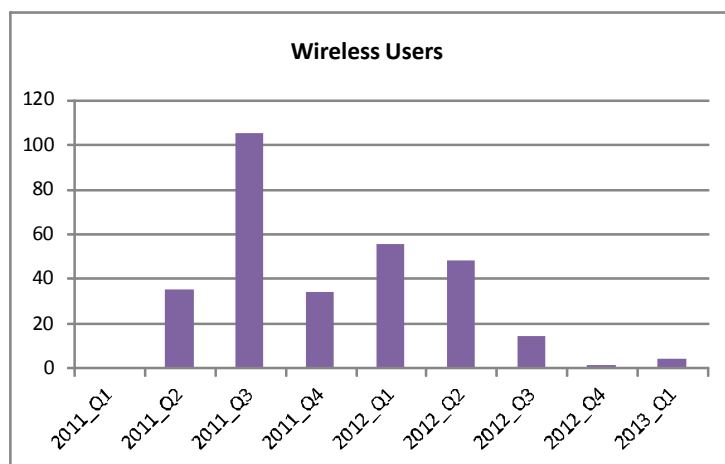
Broadwater School and Community Library Computer Center Now offers...

- ◆ 2 laptop computers
- ◆ 3 touchscreen computers
- ◆ 2 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 2 ZoomText Cameras with stand
- ◆ 2 low dexterity mice
- ◆ 2 low vision keyboards
- ◆ 2 Bierley magnification mice
- ◆ 3 headphone sets
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

Public Computer Center Usage



Patrons who have taken advantage of public wireless access



Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
14.32	48	5